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Operation Fast Break

Employers throughout the state indicate that addressing the skilled worker shortage is their number-one priority. Operation Fast Break strives to raise the reading, math, basic computer and employability skills of those who participate. The benefit to employers is a readily available, skilled workforce. The benefit to learners is attainment of skill levels needed for career-entry employment or college.

Operation Fast Break is a computer-assisted employment training program that provides individuals age 16 and older with the skills they need for entry-level employment or entry into college. This intensive, eight-week, eight-hour-a-day program brings students' math, reading, and communications skills up to workplace standards; introduces them to word processing, spreadsheets, and other basic computer functions; and teaches them the workplace habits and attitudes that employers require. There is no charge to program participants for this training.

This is a rigorous program, and graduation must be earned through satisfactory progress. Workplace discipline is also fundamental to the program. Participants who are absent or tardy more than a few times are dismissed.

Those who do graduate are excellent candidates for many entry-level positions, or are prepared for success in college.

Operation Fast Break graduates have skills that are *certified* to be at (or above) the proficiency level needed for entry-level employment (i.e., Level 4 on a WorkKeys assessment in Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, Teamwork, and Locating Information). Graduates have shown that they are punctual, that they can work in a professional environment, and that they are drug-free. They have demonstrated that they can learn on their own and work effectively as members of a team.

For additional information, call 1-866-MY GOALS toll-free (1-866-694-6257, voice/TTY), or contact your local Operation Fast Break program.